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### Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

**Date/Time:** September 1, 2010/6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
**Chair:** Blake Trask  
**Recorder:** Jean White  
**Location:** Seattle City Hall, L204

#### Minutes Distribution List:

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#### Members Present:

Ann Boyd; Matthew Crane; Sean Cryan; Gabe Grijalva; Max Hepp-Buchanan (Secretary); Neal Komedal; Anna Telensky; Blake Trask (Chair); Jean White

#### Members Absent:

Allegra Calder; Kelsey Jones-Casey

#### Guests:

Connie Zimmerman (SDOT); Dave Vizarro (SDOT); Kerry Ruth (WSDOT, SR-520 Team); Jennifer Wieland (SDOT); Doug Cox (SDOT); Michael Snyder (Seattle Likes Bikes); Josh Cohen (Publicola); Sierra Hansen (Seattle City Councilmember Mike O'Brien's Office); Eugene Wasserman (North Seattle Industrial Association); David Amiton (University of Washington); Debi Frausto (Friends of Lower Kinnear Park); Laura Rabuck; Lucia Gregory; Merlin Rainwater; Doug Beeman

#### MEETING CALL TO ORDER

- Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Blake Trask.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

- Members of the public:
  - Eugene Wasserman shared that the North Seattle Industrial Association is working on five bike safety issues in north Seattle and could use help with the first three:
    - Trail lighting where the Burke Gilman Trail crosses industrial streets.
    - Better lighting on the south end of the Ballard Bridge. He noted that the Association also has a proposal to improve safety at this very dangerous intersection, but SDOT has not addressed it.
    - Improve street lights on the Ballard Bridge for bikes and pedestrians.
    - Ensure that arterial street lights are maintained by Seattle Light.
    - Finishing the Ship Canal trail.

The Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board shall advise the City Council, the Mayor, and all departments and offices of the city on matters related to bicycling, and the impacts which actions by the city may have upon bicycling; and shall have opportunity to contribute to all aspects of the city's planning processes insofar as they relate to bicycling.

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- Debbie Frausto commented that Friends of Lower Kinnear Park are working on bike/pedestrian improvements in the park. There is a public meeting on September 23, 2010 which she encouraged SBAB members to attend.
- Merlin Rainwater reported that now the Seattle City Council website now has bus, bike and driving information about how to get to their meetings.
- Michael Snyder (Seattle Likes Bikes) reminded the Board that the Seattle Bicycle Musical Festival is next weekend and commented that per Eugene Wasserman's comments, he inventoried 100 dead lights in one hour via bicycle on Seattle streets last winter. He reported them to Seattle City Light and they fixed them.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

*Time:* 6:10 p.m.

### **Topic: Linden Avenue North Complete Streets Project Update**

*Presenter:* Connie Zimmerman and Dave Vijarro, SDOT

*Purpose:* Provide an update and receive feedback on 30 percent design completion

#### *Findings / Critical Points:*

- The project is at a revised 30 percent design completion. The corridor runs from Shoreline's Interurban Trail to N 128<sup>th</sup> St at Linden Ave N. SDOT collected comments from SBAB, businesses, the community and revised the design. Many of SBAB's suggestions were incorporated into the design.
- Both bike lanes were moved to the east side of the street with a three-foot buffer along most of the corridor and a two-foot buffer in others. There will be fewer driveways, more sidewalk space, and a seven- to eight-foot parking strip.
- The design was well received by the community at the community meeting. They liked getting the bikes away from the parking area and having better lighting.
- Proposal from the east side of the street going west is to have a six- to eight-foot sidewalk; a five-foot planting strip; two five-foot foot bike lanes (going two directions) at street level; a three-foot buffer; seven- to eight-foot parking lanes; and car travel lanes.
- Now they are working with the traffic engineer of the details such as how to handle lights at the 130<sup>th</sup> street intersection. One possibility is to create an all-way cross with bikes/pedestrians crossing at once or a bike light.
- Issues still to work out include how to handle the bus island and where bikes and pedestrians will cross the street.
- SDOT has funding to implement Phase 1 of the project: N 130<sup>th</sup> St to N 135<sup>th</sup> St on Linden Ave N. SDOT is requesting funding to complete N 128<sup>th</sup> St to N 130<sup>th</sup> St and N 135<sup>th</sup> St to N 145<sup>th</sup> St. Project details and maps will be posted on the SDOT website soon.
- SDOT looks forward to continued input from SBAB, including having Board members meet with the SDOT design team during the 60 percent design completion.

#### *SBAB Comments/Questions:*

- A small concern is that there is gravel present at the south end of the project. SBAB inquired as to whether SDOT could raise the bike lanes for safety from cars and gravel. SDOT will look at this further but drainage may be an issue.
- SBAB members would like to see more detailed plans as they are developed. Advised that driveways be reduced in size to minimize conflicts.
- Questions asked about how it will work during the transition if Phase 1 is built before the other phases – how will bikes get from east side lanes to other side?

- Questions asked about volume of street use. Current traffic volumes are low: 2,000 cars/day, but Linden Ave N is identified as a future arterial. There are also a lot of elderly people in apartments in the area.

*SBAB Recommendations:*

- SBAB supports the development direction so far and would like to review when the project is at 60 percent design completion.
- SBAB recommends reduced size of driveways to minimize conflicts with bikes/pedestrians and cars.

*Action Item or Follow Up:*

- SDOT will come back to SBAB when the project is at 60 percent design completion.

*Time:* 6:40 p.m.

***Topic: 520 Workgroup Montlake Triangle Charrette and Technical Coordination Team presentation (ESSB 6392 workgroups)***

*Presenter:* Kerry Ruth (WSDOT, SR-520 Team) and Jennifer Wieland (SDOT)

*Purpose:* To give an update and receive feedback

*Findings / Critical Points:*

- SBAB members Gabe Grijalva, Max Hepp-Buchanan, and Ann Boyd participated in the Technical Coordination Team meetings. It was a good process and they felt their concerns were heard.
- On April 29, 2010, the preferred alternative was announced. SB 6392 was passed asking WSDOT to work with Seattle on bike/pedestrian enhancements for the preferred alternative.
- The proposed enhancements are all in the Montlake triangle area south of the UW and north of the Montlake Bridge. University of Washington, Sound Transit, King County Metro, Seattle Design Commission, SBAB and others participated in the design charrette.
- Three alternates were considered: 1) Sound Transit's proposed pedestrian bridge from the link station to UW; 2) UW Rainier Vista Project's land bridge over NE Pacific PI to connect to the triangle area; and 3) providing at-grade solutions.
- Drivers for the project are that the U-Link station is being built, there is existing transit and new bike lanes on SR-520 which will mean lots of bikes coming into UW. WSDOT needed to respect the timelines for Sound Transit and UW Rainier Vista projects.
- The preferred alternative from the Montlake triangle design charrette is the overcrossing option. They will continue to refine this option and hope to get it approved.
- Link to alternatives: [http://wadot.wa.gov/NR/rdonlyres/12D8F468-0868-4689-8842-4A7C2C8AF5A5/69641/0819\\_MTCgraphic.pdf](http://wadot.wa.gov/NR/rdonlyres/12D8F468-0868-4689-8842-4A7C2C8AF5A5/69641/0819_MTCgraphic.pdf)
- On September 13, 2010, the preferred alternative will be out for public comment. Comments are due September 24, 2010.

*SBAB Comments/Questions:*

- Did we lose the bike parking proposal at the U-Link Station? Answer: Is on the radar screen, but need to find a new location. One idea is under the ramp.
- Is a Bike Port possible? Answer: Maybe.
- A 10-foot ramp for bikes and pedestrians is too narrow. 14 feet would be better. Answer: Have stairs, elevator AND the ramp. Could go to 10-foot clear for the ramp.

- SBAB members, particularly the subcommittee that reviewed the project, like the preferred alternative. It is the best alternative so far.

*SBAB Recommendations:*

- SBAB recommends the design of a 14-foot clear between handrails ramp leading up to the U-Link station. SBAB feels that a 10-foot ramp is too narrow.
- SBAB recommends that WSDOT work with Sound Transit to identify areas for above-ground parking for bikes near the U-Link station.
- SBAB recommends that WSDOT continue to secure a northeast crosswalk across Montlake Blvd NE and NE Pacific Pl.
- SBAB recommends that WSDOT continue to consider lighting and security as potential safety issues in the project area.
- SBAB thinks that the separated one-way bike lane option on E Shelby St this will cause confusion for bike users. Having a contra-flow bike lane going beside the traffic lane will cause users to feel like they are going the wrong way. SBAB recommends that WSDOT negotiate with local property owners to see if parking on E Shelby St can be traded for planting areas on Montlake Blvd E to increase width of bike lanes on Montlake Blvd E.

*Action Item or Follow Up:*

- Gabe, Ann, and Max will continue to track this issue for SBAB and will comment on the bicycle and pedestrian white paper drafted by WSDOT.
- Jennifer Wieland (SDOT) will contact SBAB about another update in late winter.

*Time:* 7:40 p.m.

**Topic: SDOT Update**

*Presenter:* Doug Cox, SDOT

*Purpose:* Update SBAB on SDOT's progress on Bicycle Master Plan implementation in 2010

*Findings / Critical Points:*

- Bike counts will take place on September 15, 2010. SDOT needs 30 volunteers from 6:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
- SDOT has completed 11 miles of bike lanes/sharrows in 2010. Goal for the year is 20 miles. Should make the goal – 25 miles of projects are being pursued currently.
- Requested feedback on how to do bike climbing lane on Cherry St between 1<sup>st</sup> Ave and 5<sup>th</sup> Ave downtown. Should sharrows be used to direct bikes between turning lane and next lane to avoid bikes having to stop for turning cars on an uphill? SBAB members commented that this hill is very steep may not be ideal for a bike lane. SBAB and SDOT will revisit this issue at a later time.

*Time:* 7:47 p.m.

**Topic: Committee and/or Board Member Updates**

*Presenters:* SBAB Members

*Purpose:* Provide updates on Committee meetings attended by SBAB members

*Findings / Critical Points:*

- Blake Trask said that the Mayor would be appointing a replacement for Craig Benjamin's vacancy on SBAB. SBAB also has a new Get Engaged member, Anna Telensky. SBAB should have another retreat for members in October which will be scheduled via email.
- Jean White reported that she and Allegra Calder met with the Commute Seattle staff at King Street Center to test out their draft bike parking rating sheet and provide feedback. She also reported that King County Council recently passed a resolution in support of creation of a bike sharing program by King County Metro (KCM) and that KCM had applied for grant funding for a bike sharing program.
- Max Hepp-Buchanan reported that PARK(ing) Day in Seattle will be held September 17, 2010. Groups will be creating "parks" out of parking spaces around the city. Awards and music will be at 500 E. Pine St at the People's Parking Lot.
- On September 28, 2010 there will be a meeting on the South Viaduct Replacement Project from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

#### **MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

- Blake Trask adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

## **ATTACHMENT A**

### **September Meeting Minutes Distribution List:**

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